

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (18/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Clemente (1/19)

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on September 4, 2007. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 4770, 4771 and 4772** before the committee.

HB 4770	Huizenga	Construction; code; issuance of certain permits to certain persons; clarify as to interior designers.
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HB 4771	Meisner	Occupations; licensing fees; licensure of interior designers; provide for.
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HB 4772	Meisner	Occupations; interior design; licensure of interior designers; provide for, and clarify certain services provided.
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Chair Meisner explained the intent of **House Bills 4771 and 4772**. He also answered questions.

Representative Huizenga explained the intent of **House Bill 4770**.

Linda Thomas, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Gary Quesada, representing the American Institute of Architects - Michigan, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

Virginia North, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Tom Martin, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

The following people wished to testify in **support** of the bills, but did not due to time constraints:

Leonard Else, representing Leonard Else Design Associates, Inc.;

Arlena Hines, representing herself;

Karly Bouchard, representing herself;

Carolyn Dwher, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration;

Charles Bommarito, representing himself; and

Vita Buffa, representing Modern Trend Enterprises, Inc.

The following people wished to testify in **opposition** to the bills, but did not due to time constraints:

Stephen Smith, representing the American Institute of Architects – Michigan;

David Vanderklok, representing himself;

Daniel Launstein, representing the American Institute of Architects – Mid-Michigan;

Ron Brenke, representing the American Council of Engineering Companies; and

Keith Fineberg, representing KSF Architects.

Ric Anselmo, representing the Michigan Society of Architects, also wished to testify on the bills, but did not due to time constraints.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Christine Babini, representing herself;

Erica Donnell, representing herself;

Margaret Trimble, representing Trimble Associates, LTD;

Sarah Hendricks, representing Trimble Associates, LTD;

Lisa Hildorf, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration;

Michelle Belt, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration;

Russell Brummel, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration;

Patricia Brummel, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration;

Charlie Borg, representing Trimble Associates;

Kami Taylor Mead, representing Taylor Mead Design;

Philomena Rosnik, representing Philomena's, Inc.;

Mary Kathleen Graf, representing Inspired Visions Interior Design;

Sandra Johnstone, representing Sandra Johnstone Design Associates;

Patricia Rowen, representing Rowen Design; and

Lee Schwarz, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Maura Nesson, representing the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers;

Fred Butters, representing the American Institute of Architects – Michigan;

Nick Scarpone, representing Hobbs & Black Architects;

Joseph Miller, representing Hobbs & Black Architects;

Judy Ford, representing Studio Intrigue;

Donald Hartwick, representing himself;

Ed Nagorsky, representing the National Kitchen & Bath Association;

Matt Guzinski, representing Studio Intrigue;

Ylli Bodinaku, representing Studio Intrigue;

Adam Fercho, representing Studio Intrigue;

Jim Aubuchon, representing Studio Intrigue;

Bill Nordeen, representing himself;

Barry Wood, representing himself; and

Roger Donaldson, representing himself.

The following people submitted written material in **support** of the bills:

Representative Huizenga;

Jeffrey Kenney, representing the National Council for Interior Design Qualification;

Wayne Jewell, representing the City of Southfield;

Leonard Else, representing Leonard Else Design Associates;

Linda Thomas, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration;

Karly Bouchard, representing herself;

Katherine Brummel, representing herself;

Carolyn Dwyer, representing herself; and

Kevin McKinney, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration.

A letter in **opposition** was submitted by **Ed Nagorsky**, representing the National Kitchen & Bath Association.

Representative Valentine moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representative Clemente**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:32 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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